

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/315,680 (Reissue) Confirmation No.: 6820  
Applicant(s): Peter Nicholls et al.  
Filed: May 20, 1999  
Art Unit: 3628  
Examiner: Frantzy Poinvil  
Title: LOGISTICS SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATING  
TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS

Docket No.: 018360/204167  
Customer No.: 00826

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION TO WAIVE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT OF NONSIGNING  
INVENTORS  
(37 C.F.R § 1.183)**

1. Assignee hereby petitions, in accordance with MPEP 1414.01 III and §1.183, in connection with a Supplemental Declaration filed concurrently herewith, to suspend the rules and grant a waiver of the signature requirement for nonsigning inventors Peter Nicholls and Steven Johnson.
2. As background, an inventor reissue declaration was filed on September 18, 2001 that included signatures of each named inventor and specified the error as "the recitation of a plurality of carriers and a plurality of rate servers in claim 1 of the original patent, thus rendering the claims too narrow." Since that date, claim amendments have been made and claims 100-104 have been added.
3. On August 25, 2006, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an Office Action in the present reissue application requiring a supplemental oath be submitted before the reissue application would be allowed. The Examiner suggested the

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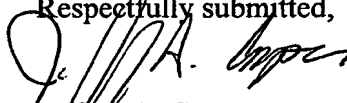
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11. The surcharge fee set forth in § 1.17(f) required by 37 C.F.R. 1.183, is paid as follows:

- ☐ check in the amount of \$400
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- ☒ Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 16-0605.

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